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DOYLE SEEKS RESIDENTS' INPUT ON NEW GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced plans to build a new clubhouse at the Durand Eastman Park Golf Course, using funds earmarked in the proposed 2001-2006 Capital Improvement Plan, and is seeking residents' input for features they would like to see incorporated into the new design.

"The Durand Eastman Park Golf Clubhouse is a dismal facility with huge potential," said Doyle. "Usage and interest would most likely increase with a new clubhouse. For example, a bigger restaurant would allow for banquets after tournaments, and possibly even small conferences."

Features of the new clubhouse may include: new restaurant with year-round usage, handicapped-accessible restrooms, pro shop, indoor cart storage, bar, kitchen, deck and lounge. These new amenities would also be beneficial for cross country skiers and other winter park users.

The golf course is owned by Monroe County and operated by The Parks, Incorporated, under the expertise of Golf Pro Jack Tindale. An increased profit generated since Tindale's operation of the course, coupled with course improvements, has allowed for the County to build a new facility.

Money from the golf course trust funds will support the building's new construction. The three funds are: Golf Course Equipment Leasing Fees, Golf Course Operating Fees and Golf Course Improvements.

"The golf course was originally designed by internationally known golf course designer, and East Rochester native, Robert Trent Jones. In keeping with past course improvements such as: new irrigation, new tees, new greens and improved drainage, constructing this clubhouse will bring the entire complex into the same status for which Jones originally intended," said Doyle.

A Request For Proposals (RFP) will be generated this year and \$300,000

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spent for design consulting in 2001. Construction will begin in the year 2002 and is expected to cost approximately \$2,276,000.

Residents wishing to provide feedback may complete a comment card at any County owned golf course, or write to County Executive Jack Doyle at 39 West Main Street, Room 110, Rochester, New York 14614; e-mail jddoyle@co.monroe.ny.us.

Doyle will submit the Capital Improvement Plan to the Planning Board on Thursday, January 27. The Board will review the plan and hold three public input meetings before the Monroe County Legislature will vote on its approval sometime in June or July, 2000.

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